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Thanks

- .. to those who assisted with week's headlice inspection.
- .. to those who have offered to assist with the forthcoming junior marine trip to Whangarei Harbour.
- .. to those who have already paid their donation and activity fees ... this is much appreciated.

People of the week

- .. Hayden and Heinrich who, in their own time and without even being asked, organised a game in the hall for other children this week.
 - .. Well done to both Orlando and Tremarn for completing the "Top of the Rock" 5km run/walk last Sunday.
 - .. To Michelle & Mrs Crawford for making an anxious 6 yr olds first gymnastics class a wonderful experience. You are both such positive role models.
- To all of those children (and there have been quite a few) who had drink bottles on their desk at school this week.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 24/25 Feb | Parent / teacher conferences (please keep one of these afternoons free) |
| 17 Feb | Community Water Fun Day for the whole school |
| 26-28 Feb | Trikids programme |
| 10 Mar | Zone swimming Sports at Kokopu School |
| 18-21 Mar | Year 5/6 camp at Russell |
| 20-21 Mar | Junior marine snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve |
| 19 Mar | Year 7/8 Tennis Doubles Tournament |
| 16 Apr | 2014 Youth Summit |
| 17 April | Final day for term 1 |
| 5 May | Commencement of term 2 |

Some reminders from last week

- .. sunhats are compulsory during summer terms
- .. newsletters can be accessed via our website or emailed on request (just let our school office know)
- .. please report daily absences to the school office by 9:00 AM
- .. please contact Kevin if you wish to discuss payment arrangements for school donations and activity fees.
- .. if your child does not have their school stationery please arrange to purchase this as soon as possible. Stationery can be purchased from the school office.
- .. parents will be contacted shortly if we think their child is likely to especially benefit from inclusion in after school maths labs
- .. the Mobile Ear Clinic will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 9:00-3:00 Thursday 13 March and Thursday 10 April. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.
- .. arrangements for booking interviews for Triadic Conferences on 24 and 25 February will be advised shortly.

.. please try to have children at school at least 10-15 minutes before the 9:00 AM bell so they can get settled and ready for class.

.. if you have made alternative arrangements for pick up for your child (or if you wish to change bus arrangements) please advise the school office first.

Junior school dates For Experiencing Marine reserves

1. Introductory pool snorkel

Thursday 13th February

2. Marine reserve snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve

Thursday 20th March (Rooms 2/6/7) and Friday the 21st March (Rooms 3/4/5).

Weather call to be made by Tuesday 18th March mid-day for Thursday (details later)

If you have any questions, please phone the school office or drop by to see your child's teacher.

Junior School Request - If anyone has spare clean newspaper, the Junior School would be most appreciative. Please deliver to Mrs Marvin in Room 2.

Year 5/6 Parent Camp Meeting - Tues 18 February - REMINDER!

Interested parents, and especially those who think they may be able to attend camp, are invited to the above meeting to take place in the staffroom starting 7:00 PM 18 February. Consent forms were sent home today for return as soon as possible please. Any questions please contact Mr Schuster.

Early Buses - early notice that buses will run 30 minutes early on 24 and 25 Feb because of parent interviews. Parents who transport their children by car are asked to pick them up at 2.30 PM please on these days.



Pick up of Children - safety during construction work - FOR IMPLEMENTATION SHORTLY

As advised at the end of last term, a number of building projects will be underway soon which have the potential to impact usual traffic flows before and after school. The carpark will shrink to around half its current size and will be a less safe place due to the comings and goings of contractors. To make things safer we request the following please ..

1. If you live on Pipiwai Road (including off-roads) please use the bottom bus bay for drop off and pick up of students or (as a less preferred option) walk your children across the road to the entrance at the side of the school hall.
2. If you live on the Matarau Road, Otakairangi Road, Rushbrook Road, Swamp Road side (including off-roads) you may continue to use the upper carpark but with caution please. Hopefully this will make things a little easier and safer.
3. Please reduce speed when in the vicinity of the school and keep a keen eye out for children and vehicles.
4. If you have an appointment or business at school and need to park your car on site, it might be a good idea (where you have the option) of scheduling your appointment / business outside of the busy drop off and pick up times.

We will implement this plan shortly but thought we would give you a week or two to get your head around this and maybe have a practice run or two. More to follow!

Parent Helpers

Thank you to those parents already helping out in classrooms. If you have not received a copy of our Parent Helpers' Booklet please ask your child's teacher, or the school office, for a copy. It is particularly important that all parents helping in rooms ..

- .. respect (absolutely) the privacy of children and their families
- .. adhere to protocols / guidelines for working with children
- .. advise, if they are a regular helpers, if they are unable to be present in their regular slot

We know the difference that another set of hands can make and are very appreciative of your willingness to squeeze us in to your busy schedule

Medical Forms/Address/Contact Details

On enrolment parents provide important details on contacts / custody issues / medical conditions / medications etc. Please continue throughout the year to keep us informed so that we can properly discharge our duty of care to your child(ren).

Some medications should be held at, and administered from, the school office. Please contact us if unsure. **Where we currently hold medication for your child please call by the office within the next 2 weeks to check expiry dates and arrange replacement where necessary.**

Term Headlice Inspection

.. indicated low levels of infestation. If advised of infestation please take immediate action to treat your child(ren) and follow up with regular checks in the week's following. Children will be re-checked next week. All parents are encouraged to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

Inhalers

Please note that inhalers (and in fact all medications) must be kept in the school office and not in children's bags. This way we can monitor and record usage and advise you of any concerns. So ... if your child needs an inhaler (or medication), please drop this medication (named clearly) in to the school office next week.

Vaccinations - Year 7 and 8 Students

Consent forms for upcoming vaccinations (year 7 and 8) will be sent home shortly and will need to be returned as soon as possible please. A meeting is planned, and printed information will be available, to answer some of the most commonly posed questions.

Cellphones

We realise that some parents like their children to have a cell phone on them in the event of an emergency. If your child does bring a cell phone to school please note that these must be dropped to the school office on arrival at school and picked up on departure each day. If you want to get a message to your child during the school day this should be channelled through the school office.



Scholastic Book Orders

Issue 1 went home this week. All payments and orders to the office by Friday 28th February. **NO LATE ORDERS PLEASE.**

Friday Lunches

A reminder that lunch orders must be in no later than Wednesday of the week in question. Please give Helen a call if you can spend 10 minutes in the morning and/or 15 minutes around mid-day to help with heating and distribution of items. Thank you.

Monday Lunches

If able to help with Monday lunches (around 45 minutes) from 12:00 on Mondays please give Helen a call. Any assistance would be very much appreciated.

Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (Tuesday & Wednesday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email killalea@ihug.co.nz

Homework

Homework is **encouraged but optional** at Matarau School. For most children this will mean 4 nights homework a week (around 20 minutes each night) with most of this time spent on word learning, maths basic facts and reading, with one activity related to their class programme. Parents should feel free to advise their child's teacher if the load needs to be lightened for any reason or if they wish their child excused from homework altogether. This saves tension and time wasted chasing homework. **If you do NOT want your child to receive homework please advise their teacher NEXT week.** If you are on board please set a regular time and place and advise us if we can help with any "speed wobbles" along the way. Let's start as we mean to continue by getting routines well established.

(Although the research is a little inconclusive we believe that regular homework routines lead to better performance and a better preparation for secondary school for most children).

Our "little things matter" person this week is ...

... Dylan Kelly-Dreadon who took the initiative (and went out of his way) this week to ensure that a pre-schooler visiting our school did not wander out onto the road. Definitely well done Dylan!

School Sponsors sought for 2014

Interested parties are invited to express an interest in becoming a school sponsor. Our sponsors provide an important link between the school and its community. While grateful for the financial contributions of sponsors our desire to foster an on-going and mutually beneficial relationship between the school and your business is our paramount consideration.

Where relevant, a sponsor will be given the opportunity to quote on school work through the Ministry of Education. This is just one of the benefits of being a sponsor.

If you are interested in becoming a school sponsor, please contact Mary Finlayson 09 4370441 or 0274525398.

Finally

Parents of junior children will know that our junior children are currently studying the topic of water. Five year olds can think of truly great questions.

Upon being shown the earth covered with 80% water, Anton from room 2 asked the following question ...

"How does the water not fall off the earth? ... and then followed with a second brilliant question "Why is there so much sand in the sea?".

Well done Anton! Truly awesome questions!

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
PRINCIPAL

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Experiencing Marine Reserves

Events to diarise:

- 22nd Feb *Free Kayak day Waikaraka - all ages welcome*
23rd Feb *Free snorkel, Smugglers Cove. All gear provided and guides,
10am to 3pm. Park at Urghuarts Bay. Food available for
purchase. For more info visit emr.org.nz.*
9th Mar *Free snorkel, Reotahi*



Matarau School Fundraising Opportunity
12 March
Details to follow

Community Notices

For Rent - 4 bdrm house, 2 toilets, single garage, on school bus route \$300pw. Ph 0211529752 or 4337610.

Wanted to Rent - 4brm house in Kamo/Kensington or nearby areas. Phone Lisa 4335092.

Flatmate Wanted - Lovely front room to rent, Hikurangi (opp Waro Rocks) \$80/wk (includes power & garage), no pets and no smoking. Phone Glenis 0220337812.

Personalised Lunchboxes - Labels now reduced to \$10 for February only. See our display in the office foyer, email us on etcsigns@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page Etcetera - Signs by Design.

Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey

Interested in playing hockey? Have a few laughs while you run around hitting the ball sound fun to you If the answer is Yes, ring me. The Hikurangi Div 2 womans hockey team need players this year. Phone Sue Mehrtens 021 834570.

Badminton - Due to the school hall being closed, there will be no after school Badminton this term. If you are interested in having your child attend New Zealand Badminton Academy groups in town, contact shane.ringrose@gmail.com for more details.

Marist Junior Rugby Club Rally - held at the Marist Clubrooms on the 20th February 2014 from 3.30 to 6pm. All new players will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Registration and weigh in will occur before being assigned a team. Contact Gary Younger on c/p 021467514 if you can't make it or have any questions.

Kamo Junior Rugby is holding its Rally day - Saturday 1st March, Kamo Rugby Clubrooms, Butler Place, Kamo. JBN to JB3 from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm (5 to 9 years old), JB4 to JB9 from 12.30 to 1.30 pm (9 to 16 years old). Coaches & Managers Welcome. Any question please phone or txt Murray Mortimer on 029 7525970.

Hikurangi Rugby Club Rally Day - Saturday 22nd February 2014 from 10am-12. At the Rugby club. Come along and register to play in the upcoming season. Free milo breakfast to all registered players. Subs \$45 please bring along you child's birth certificate. Parents we need your help, if you are interested in being a coach or manager, please contact Kasey on 021542426.

Rippa Rugby - Hikurangi Rugby Club, Park Street, is hosting a Rippa Rugby Module on Fridays starting Friday 7 February to 14 March 2014. Two grades; 4.00-6.00pm Youth Mixed (5-6 year olds, 7-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds) and 6.00-8.00pm Open Mixed* (13 year olds +). This is a social module encouraging school teams, rugby teams, families, friends and work mates all to join in and be active. This would be great for pre-season rugby training. Rippa Rugby rules apply. Cost is a gold coin donation per game. To register contact Lisa on 4339589 or 0211630237 or dylan.lisajones@hotmail.com before Friday 7 February 2014.

Kamo Soccer - There will be Registration Days these will be on the 9th of February from 9am to 12pm. Also the 16th from 9am to 11am. At these days we will be able to answer any queries and also take Eftpos and Cheque payments for 2014 fees. This information sheet will be given out then as well. This year all player registrations are to be completed via the Internet form. Please follow this link to register for the 2014 Season. tinyurl.com/kamo2014reg Kamo Soccer AGM. Tuesday the 11th of February 7.30pm at the Kamo Soccer Clubrooms. All welcome.

Dance Inc Northland - is offering limited places in Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary dance classes. Dance Inc Northland is Northland's largest dance school offering classes in our new Kamo studio. Studio is at 7A 3/4 Grant Street Kamo, in the newly renovated Griffin Hall. All ages catered from 3 years and over. Please phone 4308806, visit www.danceincnorthland.co.nz or e-maildanceincnorthland@gmail.com.

Northland Youth Theatre - Classes commence Monday February 10th. Juniors (9-11 years) - Tuesdays 4-5.30pm, **Intermediates** (12-13years) Mondays 4-5.30pm, **Seniors** (14-18 years) Tuesdays 6-8pm. To enrol or enquire about classes call 09 4384453, email us or find us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northlandyouththeatre).

ArtBeat - The BIG Picnic FREE ENTRY Cafler Park, Whangarei, 10am-4pm Saturday February 22nd. Join us for live music, local performances, interactive art, displays and surprises!

Drama Classes, Performance and Presentation, Tuesday Whangarei from 3:30, Wednesday Ruakaka from 3:30, Develop confidence and creativity www.makingascene.co.nz, 021 1723568.

Free Parenting Programme - "Sowing the Seeds" Being the parent you want to be - and loving it! Helping your child regulate their emotions, How to get your child to listen to you, Listening and Encouraging, Problem Solving, Share your experiences and get support from other parents, Thursday mornings: Starting 27th Feb - 3rd April 2014, 9.30am-12.00 noon, Jigsaw North, 25 Otaika Rd, Whangarei. To register contact Jigsaw North 4388852

School Fun Day

Monday 17th February



One of our focus areas this year is Community. We think this will grow strong and fun relationships between the different parts of our school. The day will be run in houses and should be starting by interval.

All welcome to come and watch.

Drinks and ice blocks will be on sale.



School banking promotion running Term 1 and Term 2

Students banking weekly can win a share of \$10,000.00. We want to help teach children the value of saving each week. Every week that they deposit \$1.00 or more into their ASB headstart account they'll go into the weekly draw to win either a \$20, \$50, or \$100 cash prize. This is sure to fast track their savings.

Every week you save, you could win your share of \$10,000.

We want to help teach kids the value of saving each week. Every week that they deposit from as little as \$1 into their ASB Headstart account they'll go in the draw to win a \$20, \$50 or \$100 cash prize. This is sure to fast track their savings and get them closer to their goals. Whatever they may be.

The competition runs from 27 January to 14 April, then again from 5 May to 25 June. Deposits can be made through ASB's school savings programme, internet banking (or other electronic method) or at your local ASB branch.

To find out more, contact your school office.

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